

THE
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OF
FOUR:

Being a New Booke, Containing
many merry Conceits, which
will yield both Pleasure
and Profit to all that
reads or heare it.

THE LAST PART.



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To the Reader.



His little fruit of no little
labour gathered together
& bound up in this little
Paper, for the better use
of them, that can and
will consider of the nature of every
one of his right kind, I kindly commit
to your acceptations, assuring my selfe
that being free from taxing of any,
and far from abuse, but of abusers: ho-
ping that som wil receive good in the
memory of what they reade, and no
Horse will kicke, except his back be
galled;

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galled;

*since it is
her book*

To the Reader,

galled; I leave it to the wide world
to take such fortune as will fall out.

And so loth to make a long supper of
little meat, wishing you to take the
best and leave the worst, and breake
none of the pale, I rest,

Your wel-willer
in a great matter,

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HE PROLOGUE.

KInd Friends and Neighbours
which are come to see,
Or heare strange Newes,

give eare a while to me :

Here's that which cannot chuse
but make you smiles,

If you be pleased
to listen to't awhile.

'Twas Written and Printed
for to move Delights,

And passe away

the weary winter nights :
When Folks sits by the fire,
themselves to warme,

The reading of this Booke
will doe no harme.

Warme Clothes, brave fires,
soft Ale will nourish blood,
And this same new Conceit
will doe you good.

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By L. P.



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THere are foure things greatly to be taken heed of: a flye in the eye, a bone in the throat, a dog at the heele, and a thief in the house.

2 There are foure bitter things that are used for necessity: Rubert, Gal's Wormwood, and a dogged wife.

3 There are foure grievous lacks to a great many in the World: lack of health, lack of wealth, lack of wit, and lack of honesty.

4 There be foure especiall poore Schollers in the world: Petty-foggers, Quackfalvers, Balladmakers, and A.B.C. Schoole-masters.

5 There are foure things ill to be

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proud of : a painted face, a pacht body, a pide coat, and a paultry wit.

6 There are foure things fair at the first sight: new books, fat horses, fresh colours, and flikt faces.

7 There are four strange men in the world: they that make a God of their Gold, an angel of the Diuel, a paradise of their pleasure, and glory of their pride.

8 There are foure notes of an excellent wit : to learn that which is good, to labour for that which is necessary, to foresee a mischief, and to forget that which cannot be recovered.

9 There be four jests of wit: to hope for dead mens goods, to trust to the word of a bankrupt, to be in love with a lewd Quean, and to tell newes after a Carrier.

10 There be foure things very uncomfortable : to lye in bed and cannot sleepe,

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fleepe, to sit at meat and have no stomach, to see musick and cannot heare it, and to want money and cannot come to it.

11 There are foure persons not to be believed: a Horse-courser when he swears, a whore when she weeps, a Lawyer when he pleads false, and a traveller when he tels wonders.

12 There are foure persons not to be trusted: a foole, a flatterer, an atheist and an enemy.

13 There are foure ill houses to go into: a smokie house, a rotten house, a lowsie house, a bawdy house.

14 There are foure things very hurtful for the stomach: raw flesh, stale fish, musty bread, and sowre drink.

15 There are foure silly fooles, in the world: he that followes a shaddow, starts a flea, drown an Ecce, and makes love to a picture.

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16 There are foure great tryals of wit : to chuse a friend & keep him, to conceale aduersity with patience, to be thrifty without covetousnesse, and to live out of the feare of the Law.

17 There are foure suspitions of a perfect wit : to trust in unfaithfulness, to shew unthankfulness, to advance unworthinesse, & to nourish wickednesse.

18 There are foure great Cyphers in the world : he that is lame among dancers, dumbe among Lawyers, dull among Schollers, and rude amongst Courtiers.

19 Foure kinds of men may be well spared : a swaggerer among civil people, a theefe among true men, an Atheist among the Religious, and a Jew among Christians.

20 Foure sorts of people are very troublesome : fooles among wise men,
borrowers

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borrowers among Rich men, cowards among souldiers, and beggars among Courtiers.

21 There are foure wicked kinds of scoffers: they that scoffe at the honest, at the wise, at the learned, or at the poore.

22 There are foure knaves much dealt withal in the winter season: the knave of Clubs, the knave of Hearts, the knave of Spades, and the knave of Diamonds.

23 There are foure base professions: a Wittall, a Cuckold, a Bawd, and a Begger.

24 There are foure close-catchers in the world: a Rat catcher, a Mouse-catcher, a Foole-catcher, & a Cony-catcher.

25 There are foure chief lights: the light of sence, the light of Reason, the light of grace & the light of glory.

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26 There are foure sundry kinds of Loves: the love of God, the love of men, the love of women, and the love of children.

27 Foure kinds of men hatefull in a Common-wealth: a parasite, an hypocrite a mutiner, and a murtherer.

28 There are foure great sokers of a mans estate, long sicknesse, a costly wife, a sleepe eye, and a proud prodigall spirit.

29 There are foure ill wayes for a thief: the way to the prison, the way to the Judge, the way to the Gallows, and the way to hell.

30 There are four terrible sounds in the world: the report of a Canon, a clap of thunder, the doom of a Judge, and the scolding of a shrewd woman, & that I am too often troubled with all.

31 There are four naturall skippers:
a Flea

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a Flea, a Frog, a Grasshopper, and a Cat.

32 There are foure chiefe Sinellers: Deere, Doggs, Ravens, and Smell-feasts.

33 There are foure things seldome seene: a begger to grow rich, and an Usurer to grow bountifull, a foole to grow wise, and a baggage to become honest.

34 There are foure creatures of more charge then profit: Parrets, Monkeys, foysting dogs, and fidling wenches.

35 Foure pittifull objects to a good eye: a wise man distracted, a City ruined, a ship on fire, and an Army defeated.

36 Foure kinds of fine Fooles: he that thinks himselfe wise and is not, he that spends all to be thought bountifull, he that pines himselfe to leave to another, and he that believes a Quean.

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Queanes love.

37 There be foure things of much strength; love, health, wit, and patience.

38 Foure excellent vertues in a Virgin; silence, humility, constancy, and devotion.

39 Foure great blessings to a wife, a modest eye, a kind spirit, a painfull hand, and a true heart.

40 Foure notes of a divine Nature: to regard him whom the world scornes, to love him whom the world hateth, to help him whom the world hurteth, and to advance him whom the world overthroweth.

41 There are foure chiefe notes of a good hufwife: early rising, close gathering, safe keeping, and well bestowing.

42 There are foure things goe commonly together: a fleering face, a leering
ring

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ring eye, a flattering tongue, and a false heart.

43 There are foure feareful judgments : sudden madnesse, sudden war, sudden ruine, and sudden death.

44 Foure kinds of Vermine do very much hurt where they come : Mice among cheefe, weezles among Conies, Moules among Gardens, and whoores among Gallants.

45 Foure things are tedious to many good minds : a long tale, a long winter, a long fasting, and a long voyage.

46 Foure things weary out a good minde; imployment without reward, oppressions without relief, cruel Creditors, and importunate beggers.

47 Foure things to be taken heed of, an intruding friend, a flattering servant, a wanton wife, and a wicked neighbour.

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48 There be foure chiefe horses for service: the warhorse for the souldier, the hackney for the post, the Cart-horse for the farmer, and the hobbi-horse for the morris dances,

49 Four men to be banished al good company: a lyer, a swarers, a quarreller, and a tale-teller.

50 Foure kinds of women much set a work: a midwife, a milke-maid, a market-woman, and a mealewoman.

51 Foure kinds of cleanly wenches: a dary wench, a shop wench, a needle wench, and a starch-wench.

52 Four kinds of black men: a Moor, a Collier, a Smith, and a Scullion.

53 Foure white women: the Lady White, Mistris White, Goodwife White, and Widow VWhite.

54 Foure needfull eyes in a Tavern: an eye to the guest, and an eye to the plate, an eye to the score, and an eye

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to the doore.

55 Foure things goe through many things: wit, art, experience, & mony.

56 Foure dayes welcome to Schollers, Christmas day, Shrove tuesday, Easter day, and Whitlunday.

57. Foure kind of men not to be stood against: Magistrates and Potentates, Judges and Generals.

58. Foure things grievously empty: a head without braines: wit without judgment, a heart without honesty, and a purse without money.

59 Four diseases hardly to be cured: the gout in an old man, the green sickness in a woman, the farcie in an Ox, horse and the rot in the sheep.

60 Four chiefe comforts to the state of nature: health, liberty, mirth, and money.

61 Foure chiefe nuts in the world: the Che' nut, the Wall nut, the small

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nut, and the soft nut,

62 Foure chiefe muscicall birds : the
Nightingale, the Larke, the Linnet, &
the Robin-redbreast.

63 Foure little labourers : the Bee,
the Ant, the Silke worm, and Spider.

64 Foure kinds of beastly men in the
world, a glutton, a drunkard, a lecher,
and a Bawd.

65 Foure kinds of theeves worthy
to be hang'd: horse-stealers, cut-purses,
house-breakers, and pick-pockets.

66 Foure things good in a Goose :
her quills for pens, her feathers for pil-
lows, her flesh for the dish, and her
grease for the ache.

67 Foure excellent medicines for
many diseases : moderation, exercise,
mirth, and patience.

68 Foure things ill for a Carrier :
lean horses, hard fare, foule weather,
and foggy women.

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69 Foure great in-liers : a woman that lies in Child-bed, a knave that lies in wait, a whore that lies in a sweat, and a madman that lies in Bedlam.

70 Foure present eases for foure great paines: to scratch for the itch, to break wind for the collick, to pisse for the stone, and to sweat for the cold.

71 There are foure kinds of ugly objects : a scabby Jade, a mangy dog, a slowfie knave, and a pockie whore.

72 Foure chiefe Doves in the world: the Turtle Dove, the Wood Dove, the Ring Dove, and the house Dove.

73 Foure perillous snares to fal into: the snare of an Usurer, the snare of a lewd woman, the snare of a flatterer, and the snare of the Diuel.

74 Foure strange sports : to see a Beare hunt a wild duck, an Ape kisse an Owle, a Goose bite a fox, and a Squirrill hunt a Coney.

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75 Foure sweet Trades in a Citie:
Sugar men, Comfitmakers, perfumers
and Nosegay-makers.

76 Foure speedie passengers in the
world: a bird throw the aire, a ship
thorow the sea, a word from the
mouth, and a thought from the mind.

77 Four round walkers in the world:
a wheele, a spindle, a bowle and a mil-
stone.

78 Foure tokens of foule weather:
aches in the limbs, sleepinesse in the
head, sweating of stones, & darknesse
of weather,

79 Foure tokens of faire weather,
when the Robin red brest sings early:
when the Bee works earnestly, when
the Spider keeps home, and the
Swallow flies merrily.

80 Four creatures are great spoilers
where they come. hogs among pease,
Deer among corne, cats among milk-
pans,

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pans, and Whales among Herings.

81 Foure hard dayes in the ycare :
Good friday for Schollers, for then
they fast; Ash wednesday for Papists
for then they must be whipt: Rentday
for poore folks, for then they must pay
their Landlords : and the Execution
day for theeves, for then they must be
hanged.

81 Foure things much talkt of, and
little found: wifdome, vertue, honesty
and conscience.

82 Foure creatures goe willingly to
their businesse : a Bride to Church, a
boy to breakfast, an Heire to his Land,
and a sweet heart to his love.

83 Foure things are soon out : a
candle out of his light, a foole out of
his tale, an eye out of his sight, and a
prodigall out of his patrimony.

84 Foure things ill for the earth : a
winters thunder, a summers frost, a
long

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long drouth, and a suddain flood.

85 Foure vile things in nature; to be unkind to a wife, unnatural to a child, untrue to a Master, unthankfull to a friend.

86 Foure offenders not to be pardon-
ed: he that will not be admonished,
he that will outface a lye, he that will
not amend, and he that delights in his
wickednesse.

87 Foure costly spots in the world:
the spots on the cards, the spots on the
dice, the spots on embroideries, and
the spots on ill tongues.

88 Foure men needfull in an Armie:
a good Commander, a good Scout, a
good Sentinel, and a good gunner.

89 Foure things much talkt of and
little used: Wisdome, Vertue, honesty
and conscience.

90 Foure excellent properties be-
longing to honest men: to be faithfull
in

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in promise, to be true in performance,
to be Reasonable in their actions, and
to be charitable to the poore.

91 There are foure sharp weapons
that wounds deeply when they come:
the eye of a Cockatrice, the sting of
a Viper, the point of a Rapier, and
the tongue of a scoulding quean.

92 There are foure things odious to
behold : to see a servant Ride and his
Master goe on foote, to see a Kitchin-
maid goe finer then her Mistris, to see
a Knave take the wal of a Gentleman,
and to see a Begger-wench in a black
bagge.

93 Foure things good in winter :
good fire , good company , good li-
quor, and money to pay for.

94 Foure fums are very good for a
Bookefeller, some wares, some custo-
mers, some money, some drink.

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Now courteous Friends,

*I hope I have pleased you well,
In this rare newes*

which I did you tell :

*I pray please me as well,
draw forth your money,*

*All that here's read
will cost you but a penny.*

L. P.

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